CANVaS Tip Sheet #2

TIPS on completing CANS assessments in CANVaS correctly



(What types are there, how, when and why do I use...or not use...them?)

Modules

There are two types of modules in CANVaS, the Placement Modules (Current Caregiver and Residential Treatment Center) and those related to the child's needs and behaviors (Child Functioning).

Placement Modules

- *If appropriate, the Placement Modules are completed for <u>both</u> the Comprehensive and the Reassessment versions of the CANS.
- *The Current Caregiver Module should be completed if a child is in a setting such as a foster home or relative home with a caregiver <u>other</u> than the Planned Permanency Caregiver.
- *If the child is at home or living with the Planned Permanent Caregiver, the Current Caregiver Module does <u>not</u> need to be completed, because you are answering the questions in the Planned Permanency Caregiver section.
- *If the child is in a residential treatment program, the Residential Treatment Center (RTC) Module should always be completed.

Child Functioning Modules

The Child Functioning Modules are triggered by ratings on items in the "Life Domain", "Child Behavioral/Emotional Needs" and "Child Risk Behaviors" of the <u>Comprehensive</u> CANS. If you are completing a Reassessment, the modules do not need to be completed and will not appear (see below).

How and when to use (and when not to use) the Child Functioning Modules

Common errors are people not completing modules that have been triggered or completing unnecessary modules.

Comprehensive CANS

*If you mark certain items with a rating of "1" or higher on the Comprehensive version in CANVaS, a trigger will appear, prompting you to complete a specific module.

You will not be able to close the assessment without completing this module.

For example, if you mark a "2" on the Runaway item in the Child Risk Behaviors Section, you will see a red prompt advising you to complete the Runaway Needs Module.

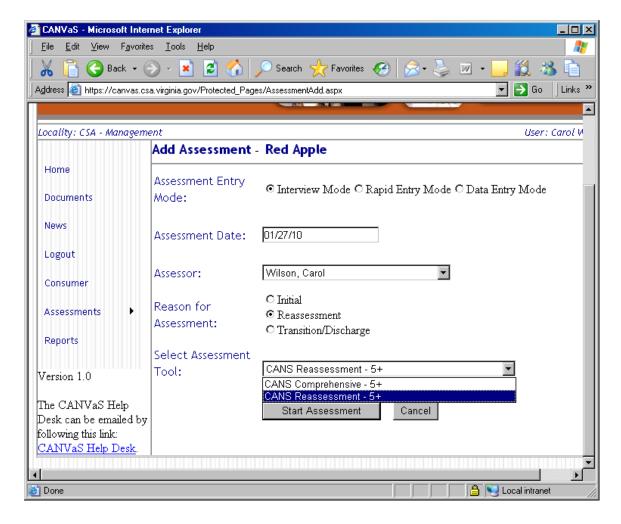
*All of the child functioning modules will appear in the Comprehensive version. You only need to complete the ones that a rating has triggered.

For example, it appears that some raters are completing the Developmental Module when it has not been prompted, probably because it is the first of the Child Functioning Modules to appear in CANVaS.

Reassessment CANS IMPORTANT!!!!!!!!!!

*If you are completing a Reassessment, be sure to not only click on the "Reassessment" bubble, but <u>also</u> select "Reassessment CANS 5+" from the drop-down box. The modules are <u>not</u> required for a Reassessment and will not appear in this version. See the screen shot on the following page.

To add a Reassessment-



Do not use the Comprehensive version and leave the modules blank.

Purpose of Child Functioning Modules

*When a rating of "1" or more prompts a module the assessor is indicating that there is some history or suspicion of the identified need/behavior and that some level of action is needed. Consequently, a triggered module should not be completed with all zeroes. The concern which caused the rating of "1" or more should be described by the use of the module.

